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Re: **United States Continuation-in-Part Patent Application No.: 09/894,956**
Entitled: **CAPILLARY ARRAY-BASED SAMPLE SCREENING**
Filed: **June 27, 2001**
Inventors: **William Michael Lafferty**
Our Docket No.: **DIVER1280-14**

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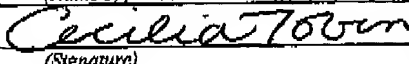
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Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application, please find:

1. Response to Communication mailed July 29, 2003 (3 pages); and
2. Terminal Disclaimer (2 pages).

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Applicants claim **SMALL ENTITY** status in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status is not required.

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Large Entity Rate	Small Entity Rate	Calculations
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the total fee of \$55.00 for the filing of this Terminal Disclaimer, or may apply any underpayment fees due, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of the sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 6, 2003



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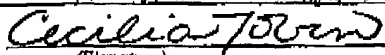
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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Sir:

Responsive to the Communication mailed July 28, 2003 indicating that the Response to Office Action filed on May 12, 2003 was not fully responsive to Office Action mailed November 14, 2002, please consider the following remarks:

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Claims 1-10 and 44 were pending prior to this Response, claims 11-43 have been cancelled without prejudice, and new claim 44 has been added in the Response filed on May 12, 2003. In the present communication no claims have been amended, added or cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-10 and 44 are pending as presented in the Response.

The Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner states in the Communication that the Response filed on May 12, 2003 is not fully responsive because Applicant did not respond to a provisional obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejection by arguing the rejection or filing a Terminal Disclaimer (Communication, page 2). To overcome the alleged non-responsiveness to the provisional rejection, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of any patent that may be granted based on the present application that would extend beyond the grant of any patent that might be granted on co-pending U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/790,321, filed February 21, 2001. In addition, Applicant submits that the present application and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/790,321 referenced in the Terminal Disclaimer were co-owned by Diversa Corporation at the filing date of the present application. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith, Applicant respectfully submits that co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/790,321 is not available as prior art against the present application. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Double Patenting Rejection are respectfully requested.

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In view of the Terminal Disclaimer and above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that at all rejections have been overcome and allowance of claims 1-10 and 44 is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the Office Action, Applicant's representative, Lisa A. Haile, J.D., Ph.D., can be reached at (858) 677-1456.

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